

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Reissue Application of )		) <u>SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE</u> ) DECLARATION BY INVENTOR
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Serial No.:	09/589,788	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir/Madam:

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare the following:

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in a patent. More specifically, the patentee has the right to claim presently amended patent claim 1 which broadens this claim by only requiring that at least one pair of ribs define the narrow groove, and that only one pair of adjacent ribs define the wider groove.

Furthermore, it is believed that the patentee has the right to claim new independent claim 14 and dependent claims 15-19. It is believed that claim 14 constitutes a new combination requiring some of the elements of patent claims 5-8, as well as some elements from patent claim 1. More specifically, claim 14 requires the first and second bulbous sections, and center section similar to patent claims 5-8, but also requires the spaced pairs of ribs and the wider and narrower grooves disposed therebetween similar to patent claim 1.

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior Oath/Declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicant.

The undersigned being warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any registration resulting therefrom, declares that all statements made of his own knowledge are true; and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

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